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Letter dated 14 May 2013 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), which was established on 4 April 2004 pursuant to Security Council resolution 1528 (2004), and whose mandate was recently extended until 31 July 2013 by resolution 2062 (2012).

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Ms. Aïchatou Mindaoudou Souleymane (Niger) as Special Representative for Côte d'Ivoire and Head of UNOCI. Ms. Mindaoudou currently serves as my Deputy Joint Special Representative for Political Affairs in the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur. She will replace Mr. Albert Gerard Koenders (Netherlands). I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. Koenders for his dedication during a challenging period and for his effective leadership of UNOCI.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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